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## RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated August 17, 2005, and is being timely filed with a petition for a <u>one-month</u> extension of time, allowing a time period for response that expires on December 19, 2005 (since December 17, 2005 was a Saturday). Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

No amendments are made in this paper to the Specification, other than in the claims, or to the Drawings.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.